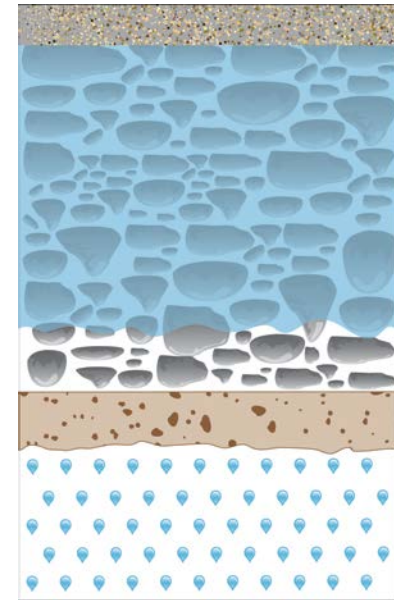




# aqueduct



# aquifer



aquifer

A structure used to move water from one place to another.

An underground layer of rock or sediment that holds usable amounts of groundwater.



# brackish

# dam



A mixture of salt and fresh water that has less salt content than sea water.

A structure that stops, slows, or changes the flow of water, so that it collects in a reservoir.



# drought

# estuary



A long time with little or no precipitation.

The lower end of a river as it empties into a bay or the ocean and mixes with salt water.





# fresh water

# glacier



Water in rivers, lakes, and other freshwater ecosystems that contains little dissolved salt.

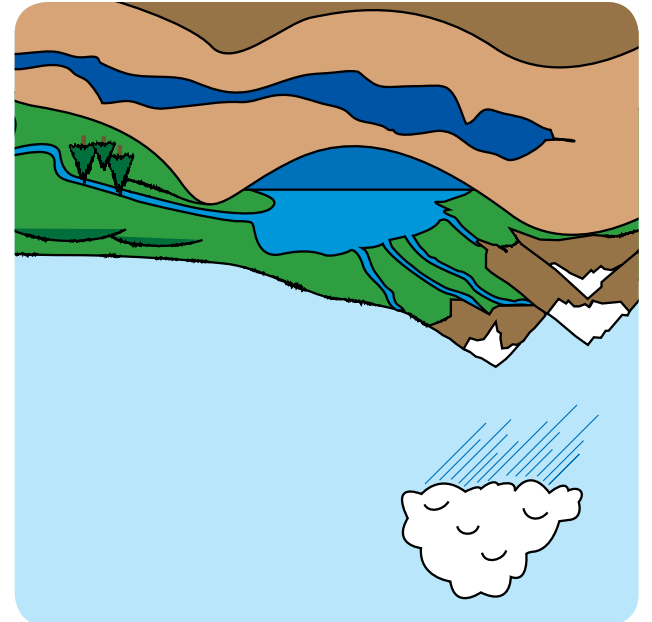
A large mass of ice that is formed on land and moves slowly down a slope or valley because of gravity.





# gravity

# groundwater



The force that pulls objects to the center of Earth.

Water in underground streams and aquifers (layers of rock and soil) beneath Earth's surface.



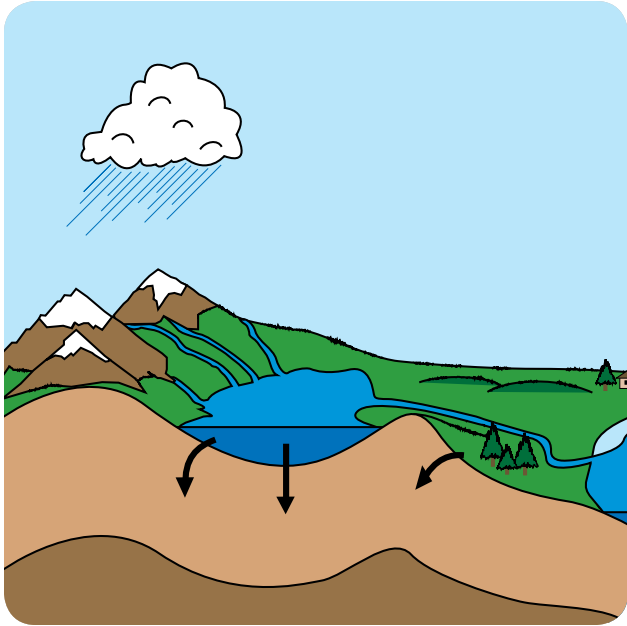
# headwaters

# levee



The springs or small streams that supply water where a river first starts.

A raised bank beside a river formed naturally or built to control flooding.



# percolation

# population



The movement of water into the ground through soil, sand, and gravel.

The number of individuals of a species living in a place at a given time.





# potable

# reservoir



Water that is safe to drink according to public health standards.

A lake or other storage area where water is collected and kept for future use.



# runoff



# saline



Water that flows over the ground and into streams and rivers.

Water that contains at least 3.0% salt, by weight.



# shortage

# storm drain



Not having enough of something  
that is needed.

A large drain built to carry away  
excess water from a road during  
heavy rains.





# surface water

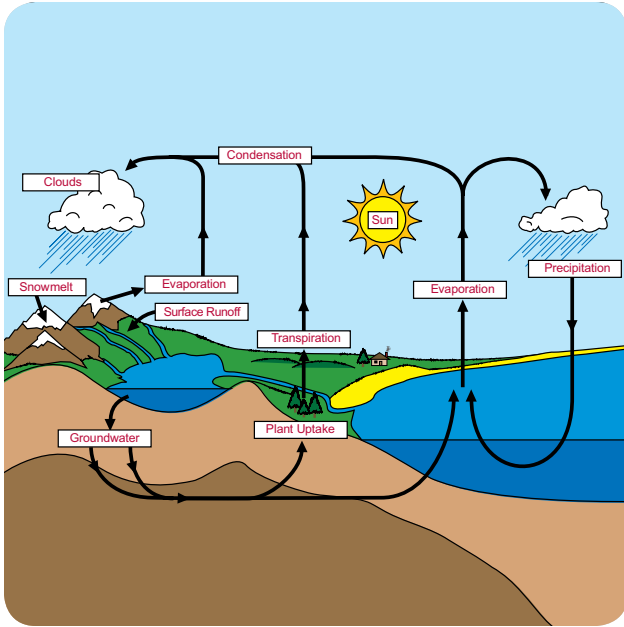
# wastewater



Water found on the land surface,  
usually in streams, rivers, ponds,  
marshes, lakes, and oceans.

Used water from homes, businesses,  
and industries.

# water cycle



# watershed



The continuous movement of water between the atmosphere and Earth.

The land area that drains water into a particular body of water, such as a stream, river, lake, or ocean.